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ToysRUs®

toy guide for ^{★ ★} kids differently-abled



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Oscar, Tony, Grammy and Emmy Award-Winner; Child Advocate



Dear Parents and Friends,

The "R"Us family loves kids, and we are committed to enriching the lives of children of all abilities through the magic of play. Nearly 20 years after introducing the *Toys "R" Us Toy Guide for Differently-Abled Kids* as a resource for those who love and care for a child with special needs, we are proud to honor that commitment with the release of the *Guide's* 2009 edition.

With the broadest assortment of products to choose from, we filled nearly 60 pages of the *Guide* with exciting toys from trusted brands, all of which were specially selected by the National Lekotek Center, an organization dedicated to making play accessible to all children, based on the assessment of hundreds of toys in therapeutic play centers nationwide.

The everyday playthings featured in the *Guide* aid in the development of key skills, while allowing children with special needs to share in play moments alongside siblings and friends. Corresponding symbols help indicate the specific benefits of each item.

Safety is at the heart of our brand, and with accidental injuries occurring more frequently among children with special needs, this year's *Guide* includes a new section dedicated to providing critical safety tips to help avoid playtime injuries.

We hope you will use this resource to find toys that will foster growth, encourage achievement and provide memorable play experiences for the differently-abled child in your life.

Sincerely,

Jerry Storch
Chairman and CEO, Toys "R" Us, Inc.

Easy-To-Use Toy Selection Guide

Find the right fit between a child's abilities and stimulating toys that will promote development. Use these symbols to guide your selection.



Auditory

(Hearing, Listening)



Fine Motor

(Grasping, Hand-Eye Coordination)



Language

(Speaking, Reading, Writing)



Social Skills

(Relationships, Interaction)



Visual

(Seeing, Perceiving)



Self Esteem

(Self-Respect, Personal Satisfaction)



Tactile

(Skin Awareness of Touch & Texture)



Creativity

(Imagination, Arts, Music)



Gross Motor

(Large Muscle Movement)

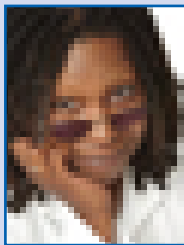


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(Color Matching, Counting, Cause & Effect)

Skill-Building Toy Finder Index

Located at the end of the guide on pages 52–55, our Skill-Building Toy Finder Index places every toy into separate skill-building categories, to help you choose toys appropriate for your child's specific needs and interests.



Dear Parents and Friends,

To witness the moment when a child overcomes an obstacle and achieves a personal goal – big or small – is truly priceless. For a child with special needs, these moments of learning, growth and success are all the more profound. All children can experience the joy that comes from reaching those milestones through the power of play.

I am honored to appear on the cover of the 2009 *Toys "R" Us Toy Guide for Differently-Abled Kids* and advocate on behalf of children of all abilities who persevere in their efforts to reach new heights. The *Guide* continues to serve as a valuable, trusted resource, offering parents, family, friends and caregivers a collection of toys that can help empower children with special needs and assist them in building self-esteem and creativity, among other crucial skills.

It is through play experiences that children – especially those with physical, psychological and cognitive limitations – can discover common ground with siblings and friends, find inspiration within themselves and evoke inspiration in others.

Whoopi Goldberg

Mother and Grandmother; Oscar, Tony, Grammy and Emmy Award-Winner; Child Advocate

Top Ten Tips for Buying Toys

Prepared by the National Lekotek Center

Selecting a toy for a child who has a disability? Here are the questions the play experts at the National Lekotek Center ask when choosing developmentally appropriate toys for kids with special needs. Use these questions to guide you in making the right match between the child for whom you're buying and the toys in the *Toys "R" Us Toy Guide for Differently-Abled Kids*.

1. MULTI-SENSORY APPEAL

Does the toy respond with lights, sounds or movement to engage the child?
Are there contrasting colors? Does it have a scent? Is there texture?

2. METHOD OF ACTIVATION

Will the toy provide a challenge without frustration? What is the force required to activate?
What are the number and complexity of steps required to activate?

3. PLACES THE TOY WILL BE USED

Will the toy be easy to store? Is there space in the home?
Can the toy be used in a variety of positions such as side-lying or on a wheelchair tray?

4. OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS

Can play be open-ended with no definite right or wrong way?
Is it adaptable to the child's individual style, ability and pace?

5. CURRENT POPULARITY

Is it a toy that will help the child with special needs feel like "any other kid?"
Does it tie in with other activities, like books and art sets, that promote other forms of play?

6. SELF-EXPRESSION

Does the toy allow for creativity, uniqueness and making choices?
Will it give the child experience with a variety of media?

7. ADJUSTABILITY

Does it have adjustable height, sound volume, speed and level of difficulty?

8. CHILD'S INDIVIDUAL ABILITIES

Does the toy provide activities that reflect both developmental and chronological ages?
Does it reflect the child's interests and age?

9. SAFETY AND DURABILITY

Does the toy fit with the child's size and strength? Does it have moisture resistance?
Are the toy and its parts sized appropriately? Can it be washed and cleaned?

10. POTENTIAL FOR INTERACTION

Will the child be an active participant during use?
Will the toy encourage social engagement with others?

The toys featured in the *Toys "R" Us Toy Guide for Differently-Abled Kids* have been selected and evaluated by the National Lekotek Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to making play accessible for children with disabilities. For assistance in selecting toys or play activities for a child who has disabilities, please visit the Lekotek website at:

www.lekotek.org





Safe Play Tips for Children with Special Needs

These tips were created by Toys“R”Us, Inc. with guidance from leading safety and special needs organizations

Through the magic of play, all children can experience victories, imagine new worlds and share the joy of learning. But accidents can happen and rates of accidental injury are higher among children with special needs. This includes children who have physical and psychological disabilities and is especially true for children who have cognitive, emotional and social limitations.

While basic safety rules apply to all children, regardless of ability, the delivery of the message should be tailored to ensure that a child who has a disability truly understands and internalizes how to play safely. To make sure playtime is a positive, memorable learning experience for your child, following is a list of tips to help minimize playtime risks among children with special needs:

- **Never Leave a Child Unsupervised:** It is especially critical that a child with special needs is properly supervised by an adult or trusted caregiver at all times.
- **Read Labels for Ability:** Check toy packages for age grading but choose toys that correspond with a child's learning level rather than merely matching a toy with his/her actual age. Toys that are misused or inappropriate for a child's particular abilities can pose a risk of injury.
- **Survey the Play Area:** Designate a specific area of the home for regular playtime, one void of hazards such as electrical wires across the floor that a child could trip over, hanging cords that could cause strangulation and pools or windows that a child could fall in/through. Safety gates or other barriers can also be helpful in keeping children away from areas unfit for their age or abilities.
- **Establish Concrete Rules:** Before playtime begins, discuss basic guidelines about what areas are off limits (i.e., the street, roof or pool). Make the message clear by saying, “Never go past this line without Mommy” and “Yell, HELP! if you are hurt, lost or scared.”
- **Use Visual Warnings:** Post notes with phrases, such as, “Don’t Touch!” and “Off Limits!” on toys for older children, as well as power tools, the stove, kitchen drawers or any other potential source of injury; doing so can help a child who has developmental challenges distinguish between an appropriate toy and an object that may be dangerous.
- **Review and Repeat:** After setting playtime rules, create visual reminders to post somewhere in the house or play area to serve as a constant reminder to the child. Also, ensure a child grasps the message by prompting him/her with hypothetical situations such as, “What do you do when a ball rolls into the street?” and “What could happen if you play near the pool?”
- **Prepare for Off-Site Play Dates:** When scheduling a play date out of the home, pack a First Aid kit for the guardian to carry and a Child ID package to put in the child's pocket or backpack, inclusive of the child and parent/guardian's name, and emergency contact information and instructions (i.e. allergies, illnesses/disabilities and medicinal protocol).
- **Safe Storage:** Teach children to put toys away so they do not pose a tripping hazard. Store an older child's toys in a separate storage bin and regularly check for toys that may become worn, damaged or have missing parts.
- **Avoid Trigger Toys:** For children who are prone to seizures, it's best to avoid spinning or flashing toys. Opt for toys that have volume control for children who are adversely affected by loud noises. And make sure children have the postural stability to utilize ride-on vehicles and wagons.

"Henry's favorite word is "more"..."

We take it as a sign of his endless enthusiasm, his delight in all that life has to offer."

*Rachel
Henry's mom*



Go Baby Go! Crawl-Along Drum Roll

Fisher-Price

Drum roll, please! In the Sit-At mode, young children can bat at the bongos to produce musical beats and other fun sound effects while practicing sitting. And in Crawl-Along mode, children are rewarded with music and sound effects as they push and crawl after the rolling toy. The motion-activated sounds and lights encourage gross motor skill practice and help reinforce cause and effect. Best of all, the familiar play and easy-to-activate features make it the perfect toy for little drummer girls and boys!

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Go Baby Go! Crawl-Along Musical Ball

Fisher-Price

A real balancing act! Use the slightest touch. Give it a good swipe. Or, roll it across the floor. No matter what your child does, the cheerful monkey balances on top! Silly sounds and whimsical music help capture and hold attention. This activity can be used to encourage gross motor skill practice as children creep, crawl or walk to retrieve the ball for further play. Visual tracking skills are also promoted as children use their eyes to follow the ball's movement as it tips, wobbles or rolls!

Hint: Place the ball in a box top to keep it within reach for children who are not yet moving about.

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TaDoodles Drop & See

Crayola Beginnings Baby

Down they go riding the rainbow! This activity offers a colorful way to introduce and strengthen the visual perceptual skills needed to read a book line by line. Drop the ball in to get the fun rolling. The ball travels down one ramp and stops. Pull on the sun to get it moving to the next level. Push or pull on the next lever and watch as the ball tumbles back out! The game sequence encourages children to exercise eye muscles, develop focus and practice visual tracking and problem solving skills as they use their eyes to follow the ball and take the appropriate action to keep it traveling. The start-and-stop action helps to keep things moving at a manageable pace. Sound effects add to the fun!

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Laugh & Learn Learning Phone

Fisher-Price

"Hello, it's for baby!" Small, handheld phone lets children hear learning songs and silly sound effects, along with realistic phone sounds, greetings, letters, numbers, colors and lights. The layout of the buttons encourages finger isolation and cause and effect learning, as well as bilateral hand coordination (when children hold the phone with one hand and press the buttons with the other). Basic number and letter recognition also is reinforced as children press and listen. A great way to introduce early role-play, this toy phone can also be used to help foster language acquisition, imagination and pretend-play skills!

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Baby Einstein Bendy Ball

Kids II

Play, rattle and roll! Colorful and flexible, this 4"-diameter ball inspires interest, stimulates the senses and fosters beginning social interaction. The visual appeal combined with the auditory input from the concealed rattle encourages children to pick up the ball and explore the brightly colored sections. In addition, the easy-to-grasp design allows children to lace their fingers through the holes or hold it with two hands. The Bendy Ball provides an entertaining way to motivate continued play and learning!

095851



"Sam will grow up
knowing that
who he is IS good
enough. He is loved,
and he has
brought love to
those around him."

*Jessica
Sam's mom*



Laugh & Learn with Friends Musical Table

Fisher-Price

Busy, busy... there's so much to do! Each of the 4 corners features an entire interactive learning center with lights and a friendly character that invites baby to play, creating opportunities for parallel play and social interaction, language stimulation, symbolic play and fine motor development. New walkers can cruise around the table while holding onto the edges. Or, you can remove the legs for floor play for children who are not yet standing. Either way, the 50+ easy-to-activate songs and musical activities expose children to letters, numbers, counting, first words, colors, shapes, opposites, animals and more in both English and Spanish!

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UNO Moo: Farm Animal Matching Game

Mattel

Get all your farm friends back in the barn by matching their colors or smiling faces! The first player to get all his or her figures back in the barn wins. A good introduction to reciprocal game play, UNO Moo helps children learn how to take turns and reinforces appropriate social behavior as players become aware of the concept of winning and learn to become gracious winners and losers. In addition, children can practice matching and color recognition skills as they discover similarities and differences in the animals' faces and body colors. Plus, the short duration of each game is a real help for children who have attention difficulties. Game includes 28 easy-to-grasp figures and a play-and-store barn. Moo!

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Busy Balls: Rhythm & Sounds

Playskool

A sense-sational way to experience playtime! Offering fun roll-and-chase play, this 5-ball set inspires children to explore different textures and sounds. Moving the balls around promotes motor skills, cause and effect thinking and self-discovery, while the bright colors capture visual attention. The textures on the balls can also be used to add interest and stimulation for children with visual impairments. Bang two balls together to increase midline play, or roll one back and forth to work on eye-hand coordination, anticipation and release. Introduce your child to the fun, sensory experience of playtime and let the good times roll!

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Water Babies 13" Baby Doll

Wild Planet

All the warmth, weight and feel of a real baby! Children can get in touch with their nurturing side as they care for this realistic baby doll. Simply use the funnel (included) to fill it with warm water and the doll will look, feel and respond more like an actual baby! Playing with dolls is a more advanced, symbolic play that requires abstract thinking. Children can model caregivers by imitating nurturing behavior as they feed, change diapers and play simple games like Pat-a-Cake with the doll. You can also work on expressive language by having your child identify and name body parts and by discussing the different aspects of "child" care!

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Laugh & Learn Say Please Tea Set

Fisher-Price

Tea for two and two for tea! Two pretty cups, a smiling teapot and 3 "tasty treats" provide a wealth of opportunities for imaginative play and social interaction. Begin by having your child arrange the treats on the shape-sorting plate and then serve to friends or family. The singing teapot helps to teach good manners as it encourages children to say "please" and "thank you," while adding to the pretend-play experience with realistic pouring, opening and closing sounds. Fun songs, interactive sounds and open-ended play make tea time a real treat!

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Shop: In-store | Online: [Toysrus.com/DifferentlyAbleD](https://www.Toysrus.com/DifferentlyAbleD)



Magnetic Dress-Up Doll

Melissa & Doug

What will Maggie Leigh wear today? A modern twist on traditional paper dolls, this durable wooden dress-up doll displays her fashion sense as your child dresses her from neck to toe! A variety of magnetic-backed tops, bottoms and footwear can be fully coordinated—or mixed and matched—to create dazzling outfits. Thinking, creativity and fine motor skills come into play as your child decides on an outfit and adheres each piece to the doll. You can also encourage language and imagination by having your child create a story around the doll and the outfit she is wearing. A fine motor treat for fashionistas! Other dress-up sets available and sold separately.

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Princess Songs Digital Music Player

Publications International

Your little princess will enjoy using the detachable digital MP3 player to listen to songs based on Disney's most-treasured fairy-tale maidens! Lyrics are displayed on each colorful page of the book. Each song has its own picture icon. This can help children practice decision-making skills and identify musical preferences as they locate the corresponding icon on the player's LCD screen and press the play button to hear their song choice. Player comes preloaded with 20 songs that encourage children to get up and dance as they work on their whole body movement, balance and coordination!

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"Annie wants to do everything her older brother does, and it's wonderful to see her follow his lead without any concept of limitations."

*Ellen
Annie's mom*



Little People Noah's Ark Playset

Fisher-Price

Noah, using all he knew, built himself a floating zoo with lots of animals, all times two, ready to come and play with you! You can use the duplicates of each animal for simple matching and counting practice. Or, use the differences in appearance between the males and females of some of the species to introduce discussions on similarities and differences. The figures are just the right size for whole-hand grasping. Plus, they fit easily in the ark, encouraging the understanding of action concepts such as in/out and on/off. Set includes Noah, ark with detachable roof, 2 elephants, 2 lions, 2 giraffes and 2 zebras. *Note: Ark does not float.*

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Animal Scramble

Wild Planet

Which animal says, "roooar"? Which animal is green? Animal Scramble is the listen-and-learn game of animal tag! Children listen to the friendly, encouraging auditory cues given by the giraffe, then race to tag the correct animal. Animals can be set up anywhere...on tables, wheelchair tables or trays, chairs, counters, the floor and more. Place them closer together to provide easier access for players who need to be seated or are working on reaching. Place them farther apart or on different surface levels to encourage squatting down and reaching up. Five levels of play put success within reach while helping to teach colors, numbers and animal sounds!

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Fold & Go Barn

Melissa & Doug

Oh, Old MacDonald! This portable playset is perfect for engaging your child's imagination. Use the barn's special open-and-fold design to assist children in bringing their hands to midline. The rooms are spacious enough for those with unrefined movements to reach inside and manipulate the farm animals and accessories successfully. In addition, you can encourage language development by having your child use pretend-play opportunities to script elaborate storylines and verbalize action words such as up/down, in/out and open/close. Set includes barn with carrying handle and 7 plastic farm animals.

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Barneyard Animals Wooden Jumbo Knob Puzzle

Melissa & Doug

Three friendly faced farm animals help children to “grasp” eye-hand coordination, problem-solving and matching skills! Plus, the extra-large knobs and simple oversized shapes assist children with physical limitations to experience more success. Begin by having your child remove the pieces from the base. Look at the pre-printed illustrations on the board and talk or tell stories about the different animals. Place the pieces on a table to further develop hand grasp and coordinated movements. And to extend the fun, children can use the pieces as stencils for tracing!

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Farm Cube Puzzle

Melissa & Doug

This puzzle offers moo-tivating opportunities for fine motor, language and cognitive thinking skills practice! Players must manipulate the cube shapes to discover the “missing” pieces to the puzzle. Children will be visually and cognitively challenged as they begin to place the 16 colorful cube-shaped puzzle pieces to complete 1 of 6 farm scenes. The sturdy wooden cubes are easy to grasp and manipulate. In addition, this puzzle provides an engaging way to help reinforce visual discrimination skills, as well as part-to-whole, “next to” and “under and above” concepts.

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Wooden Shape Sorting Learning Clock

Melissa & Doug

Time really flies when you're having fun with 2 toys in 1! This combination teaching clock and shape sorter provides an engaging way to challenge children's problem-solving skills. Use as a sorting activity to help develop manual dexterity, as well as recall and retention skills, by having your child sort the 12 differently shaped and numbered pieces and place them correctly. Then, use the completed sorter as a teaching tool to introduce your child to the abstract concept of time. Movable hour and minute hands, along with the easy-to-read numerals, help kids learn 5 minutes at a time!

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Deluxe Wooden See and Spell

Melissa & Doug

Place each wooden letter in its proper place on the recessed game board to form three- and four-letter words. This activity also helps develop and refine fine motor skills as children practice placing each letter correctly. Reduce the frustration of seeing too much information at once by using only one board at a time. In addition, colorful graphics provide visual cues to assist with word association and inspire learning. Set includes 10 two-sided boards with letters.

Caution: Contains small parts.

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"Edward was born deaf and now has a cochlear implant. It brings such joy to my heart when he says, 'I love you, mommy' and hears me when I say, 'I love you, too.'"

*Sharay
Edward's mom*



CAT 15" Big Builder Remote Control Skid Steer Loader **Toy State**

Help build skills with this remote-controlled replica of a real CAT construction vehicle! The tethered controller's 4 buttons and 2 levers enable children to use isolated finger movements to activate the truck while keeping play within visual range. Memory and recall come into play as children decide which button to press for music or how to operate the vehicle in forward or reverse. The truck's high-contrast yellow and black colors make for eye-catching play. Other features such as vibrations, the air horn, voice, music and movement provide additional sensory stimulation.

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Handy Manny Talkin' Toolbox Fisher-Price

Loaded with tons of fixin' fun! Press the large, flat button on the toolbox to hear Manny's theme song and watch as the tools bounce up and down to the music! Each of the 7 tools has an engaging, friendly face that makes it instantly likeable and a fun name like Pat, Turner, Dusty, Stretch, Felipe, Squeeze and Rusty. Carry around the caddy or take the tools out to help around the house. Best of all, this toolbox activity offers a fun, engaging way to help enhance manual dexterity and fine motor skills while encouraging imaginative play!

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Stacking Emergency Vehicles Melissa & Doug

"911, what is your emergency?" Your child is first on the scene as he engages in creative and imaginary play! Children identify and interact with the easy-to-grasp fire truck, ambulance and police car. Work on refining fine motor and problem solving skills by taking apart and rebuilding the three-to-four-piece puzzle-like vehicles. Cognitive abilities and general developmental skills like counting and identifying colors can also be targeted and reinforced during play. In addition, you can use pretend-play opportunities to enhance communication skills through elaborate scripts and role play. Best of all, these toys can help children become more aware of the community helpers surrounding them!

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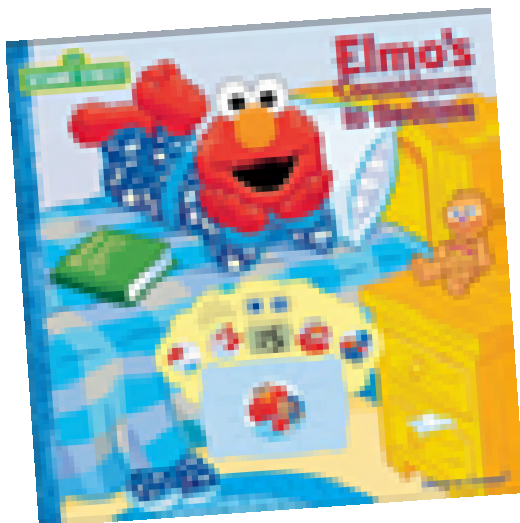


Elmo's Countdown to Bedtime

Publications International

Bedtime becomes "best time" as children follow along with Elmo as he prepares to turn in for the night! This beloved Sesame Street character encourages healthful habits like brushing teeth and washing hands, while helping children to create a nightly routine that can make transitioning to bedtime easier. Begin by setting the timer located on the cover for 15 minutes or less. As each minute passes, Elmo makes a comment to help children stay on task. When time is up, he provides positive reinforcement and says, "Night, night." Picture icons are provided throughout to further delight readers as they use an isolated finger to target and activate auditorily stimulating sounds and songs. This interactive book is a great way to help children stay attentive and become active participants in reading!

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Dry-Erase Activity Center

Crayola

Just wipe and write! More than 25 games and learning activities can be used to encourage fundamental writing skills. And when they're ready to repeat the lesson, all children need to do is use the eraser to wipe off the dry-erase markings from the reusable activity sheets. Because the more children practice, the better they can become! You can also use the blank sheet for free-time drawing to reward your child for completing one sheet of letters or numbers. Center comes with 4 dry-erase markers, eraser, template and activity sheets that store conveniently in the unit, making it a great take-along activity for learning on the go!

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Swing!

Watch the pages of this book come to life with Scanimation®! This amazing patented, state-of-the-art multiphase animation process makes images burst with activity. The rhyming narrative captures, in words, the energy of the figures in motion to thoroughly engage readers and hold their attention. Each page features a simple written question along with sound word answers like "zip, zoop, zoom." Children can practice speech by verbally repeating each word. In addition, the thick pages are easy to turn and the simplified backgrounds provide minimal distraction. Best of all, the active story line encourages active play and participation!

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Poingo Story Reader Set with Cars & Finding Nemo Books

Publications International

Touch the Poingo Pen to the pictures and text to hear the story read aloud with music and sound effects! Interactive book and pen help give children independence in reading and learning.

Touching the graphics lets readers hear fun facts, jokes, sound effects and music, while touching the colored words lets Poingo read word definitions. In addition, each spread features activities that can test reading comprehension, increase problem-solving skills and advance learning. This system is a good choice for children who have mastered simple books and are ready to take the next step! *Note: Use the USB cable (included) to connect Poingo to your home computer (not included) to register and download additional content.*

Other books are available and are sold separately.

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“Despite her many challenges, Kate brightens our world with her beautiful smile and love of life.”

*Janet
Kate's mom*



Cozy Country Wooden Dollhouse Imaginarium

Three floors of pretend-play fun! Classic dollhouse features 3 stories of spacious, fully furnished rooms. The dollhouse opens for easy access, while the large room sizes are especially beneficial for children who need more room to stabilize themselves for play. And as little homeowners walk their own dolls up and down the stairs to reach the different levels, they will work on squatting down, reaching up and strengthening core muscles. You can also encourage your child to practice language and social skills as she plays alone with dolls or with friends and siblings. Includes 11 pieces of furniture. Accommodates any 12" doll (sold separately).

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Wooden Kitchen Food: Baking Cookies

Melissa & Doug

A sweet skills treat, this set includes everything little bakers need! Cookies connect to each other with touch-fasteners to form a tube of dough. Kids help build hand and arm strength as they use the knife to slice the dough. Then, they use eye-hand coordination to attach each cookie to the preplaced touch-fasteners on the cookie sheet (this added stability may benefit children who have involuntary movements). Once “baked,” they can frost the cookies by selecting and placing the frosting discs. Finally, children can share the cookies with family and friends while engaging in simple verbal communications and formulating questions such as, “Would you like a cookie?” This exquisitely crafted set includes cookie sheet, spatula, knife, oven mitt, cookie dough and frosting.

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Wooden Sandwich Making Kit

Melissa & Doug

From simple stacking to imaginative play, this “food feast” helps children develop and refine listening, language, sequencing, color identification, problem solving and cognitive skills. For example, begin by placing an order. Your child must remember what you’ve ordered, locate the correct ingredients and make the sandwich.

Ask her to count how many pieces make up the sandwich. You can also have her predetermine the order in which the ingredients are assembled, as well as the color of each food component. The imaginary picnic possibilities are endless! Includes “sliceable” bread, rolls, meat, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, knife and more.

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Mega Bloks Tiny 'n Tuff Buildable City

Mega Brands

Build it. Then play with it. Your child is the architect as he designs, plans and constructs his very own city each and every time he plays with this activity! This construction set provides a fun way to unleash and encourage creativity, while helping to develop freedom of thought and problem solving skills. Once assembled, little builders use visual tracking to watch the cars travel down the angled track. The angle also creates added interest and continuous movement that allows your child to refocus from hands-on building to visual enjoyment as he witnesses what he has created in action. In addition, you can encourage color matching as your child searches for the 3 pieces needed to assemble each car. Storage container also doubles as building structures and a spring-loaded secret speed ramp lets your child switch direction!

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My First Duplo Set

LEGO

Small bricks... huge potential! Colorful, creative, constructive play starts with this beginner's building set. Tub comes filled with assorted bricks in eye-appealing colors along with extras, including a cat, windows and flowers. Connect and disconnect the bricks to help refine manual dexterity, increase finger strength, build upper-body strength and enhance eye-hand coordination. Incorporate sorting, grouping, patterning, counting, matching and color identification into play for additional skills practice. Even the storage container can be used to reinforce the concept of in/out, or to help introduce basic math skills as you and your child count each block as it is placed back inside!

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Mega Bloks 80-Piece Sets

Mega Brands

Big blocks for little hands! Oversized, easier-to-handle design enables children to apply a whole-hand grasp to manipulate the blocks as they sort, stack and build. Help develop math skills by creating patterns, either by color or size order. Continue math concepts by counting the blocks or counting the connector points on each block. Introduce or reinforce the concept of alike and different, as well as size discrimination (bigger/smaller), by having your child identify by sight or feel the differences in block sizes. Best of all, this activity offers the opportunity for peer socialization and cooperative play as children work together to “construct” a fun time!

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Lincoln Logs Fort Redwood

K'NEX

Build memories—and skills— together! This classic construction set sparks multigenerational interaction as adults reminisce and pass on the magic of Lincoln Logs to the children in their lives.

Wooden logs offer limitless opportunities for developing and refining manual skills such as pincer grasp, eye-hand coordination, cognitive processing, problem solving, size discrimination and language.

Build a simple structure and have your child find the logs needed to construct an identical structure. Or, take turns adding to a structure one log at a time. The notches on each log assist with proper placement and aid children

who may have difficulty using standard blocks to build solid structures successfully... time after time! Set includes 200 all-wood pieces and pictorial directions.

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AUDITORY



CREATIVITY



FINE MOTOR



GROSS MOTOR



LANGUAGE



SELF ESTEEM



SOCIAL SKILLS



TACTILE



THINKING



VISUAL

"Dov is teaching
us to see that,
although each
person has
unique needs,
we all have
similar desires..."

*Cyndi
Dov's mom*



Mega Bloks Go Diego Go! Buildable Underwater Rescue **Mega Brands**

Join Diego on exciting undersea rescue missions! In fun Mega Bloks style, children use the interlocking pieces to assemble the rescue center, promoting problem solving, motor planning and fine motor skills practice. And once completed, rescuers can use the 3 characters to create endless adventures where imagination is the only limit! Encourage language skills by having your child create scripts and relate stories about different rescue missions. In addition, invite a sibling or friend to play along to work on socialization skills such as sharing and turn-taking. Dora the Explorer Buildable Playground Adventures also available (sold separately).

764636





Matchbox Real Action Trucks: Wheel Loader

Mattel

Tough truck totally lives up to its name! With rugged looks, rolling wheels and working parts, it's ready to get the job done—indoors or out. The Loader's articulated features require smaller muscle movements for play, making it a good choice for children who have graduated from large, chunky trucks and need to further challenge their manipulative skills. Add simple accessories like an empty box as a garage or a handful of dry cereal to serve as the payload. Best of all, it's the perfect size to complement other toys that may already be a part of your child's playtime environment!

474374



Imaginext Firehouse Playset

Fisher-Price

Fire! And your little firefighter springs into action with this firehouse playset! Slide down the pole, open the firehouse doors, hop into the truck and head to the scene. Then, pop out the stabilizers, position the ladder and douse the flames. It's a whole new adventure every time—because your child decides what happens next! This playset provides a backdrop for the development of a rich imagination and creative storytelling abilities through pretend-play experiences, while the different features help exemplify cause and effect relationships. What's more, all the accessories help develop coordination skills and advanced dexterity. And the truck's siren provides auditory embellishments to the play.

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VISUAL



16" Comfort & Care Baby Doll

You & Me

With this doll, the diagnosis is all fun! Use the stethoscope to hear her heartbeat. Take her temperature with the thermometer. Then, check her ears, nose and throat. Squeeze her hand or foot and she'll respond with realistic baby crying and babbling sounds. And when her nose is pressed, she sneezes, blinks her eyes and her cheeks light up! Use the magic spoon to help bring down her fever. The auditory and visual response your little doctor receives helps to further nurture imagination and advance symbolic play. In addition, the medical equipment helps increase manual dexterity and also can be used to lessen anxiety about upcoming doctor's appointments.

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Doctor Dress-Up Set

Imaginarium

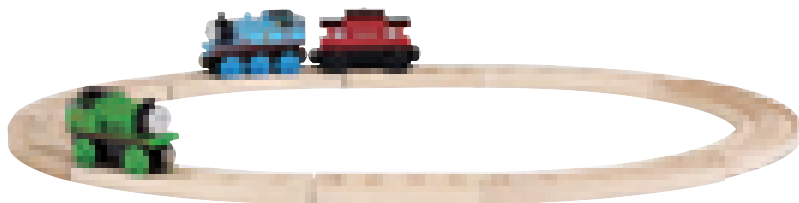
"The doctor will see you now!"

Realistic white doctor's coat and kid-sized play instruments provide the perfect prescription for fun.

Hands-on role play offers a great way to encourage your child's creativity and imagination while helping to develop social skills. If fear of doctors is an issue, have your child act out any apprehension and, through observation and interaction, help your child work through the anxiety. Set includes coat, mask, 2 clipboards, stethoscope with realistic heartbeat sounds, thermometer, syringe, reflex hammer, blood pressure meter, bandage and prescription card.

212242





Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway: Thomas & Percy Starter Set

Learning Curve

Thomas and Percy help put your child on the right track to developing reading readiness. Little engineers stretch and extend their arms as they reach out to maneuver the train along the track, helping to increase range of motion and muscle movement. In addition, the pincer grasp used to push the train can enhance the manual skills used to hold a writing implement. And as they follow the train around the track with their eyes, children practice the visual tracking skills needed to read words on a page! What's more, this starter set is small enough for a child to move the train around the entire track without moving from one position. This 13-piece set includes Thomas, Percy, the Sodor Line Caboose and track components.

122012



Train Conductor Dress-Up Set Imaginarium

All aboard for role-play fun! This authentic-looking outfit comes with just about everything little conductors need to keep trains on the right track. Hands-on role play offers a great way to encourage your child's creativity and imagination while helping to develop social skills. Set includes a striped vest with touch-fasteners for easier on/off, cap, bandanna, wooden whistle, working pocket watch, walkie-talkie that makes train sounds, wrench and 4 train tickets.

212250



AUDITORY



CREATIVITY



FINE MOTOR



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THINKING



VISUAL

"I no longer
worry about
what Amélie
'can't' do.
Instead,
I celebrate
all her 'cans.'"

*Kathleen
Amélie's mom*



Disney Princess Tot Rod

Power Wheels/Fisher-Price

Big-kid styling. Tot-sized performance! This battery-operated ride-on provides the perfect "vehicle" for skills practice. The wide, no-door entry encourages motor planning as your little princess enters and exits, while the safety belt helps to develop cooperative hand movements. A high-back bucket seat and footrest add stability and help in maneuvering the ride-on. Use the parent-assist handle to take control. And when your child is ready, remove the handle and let her take the wheel using eye-hand coordination and a single finger to push the button to start the fun! Battery and charger included.

070146





Fold-2-Go Trike

Radio Flyer

Ready to ride! This trike comes fully assembled, folds up for portability and convenient storage, and features an easy-to-carry handle grip. Pedaling helps provide your toddler with a good bilateral workout for legs, ankles and upper body, while the reciprocal movement of your child's legs gives both sides of the body a chance to stretch, move and strengthen! The low center of gravity, higher seat back and controlled turning radius offer added stability. In addition, the kinesthetic movement enables riders to receive proprioceptive input from their bodies, which helps them to become more centered and able to focus. Features a 3-position adjustable seat, sturdy steel construction and bell.

187006



30th Anniversary Cozy Coupe

Little Tikes

This classic coupe comes to life in a friendly faced special edition! Motor planning skills are challenged as children negotiate their bodies in/ out of the car independently and use foot-to-floor action to move forward, backward and turn. The high-back seat design and sides provide increased stability. And only one door opens, allowing children to stabilize themselves by leaning on the opposite side. Insert the removable floor panel for children who are not yet walking independently to reduce the possibility of foot injury, while the removable parent-assist handle lets you control the ride. Get ready to hit the road for gross motor fun!

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AUDITORY



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THINKING



VISUAL



I Can Play Baseball

Fisher-Price

Give your child a "can do" sense of accomplishment whenever they step up to the plate! For rookies, attach the screw-on ball to the top of the bounce-back tee so they can practice batting without having to chase the ball. Switch the screw-on ball with a regular ball (included). Then, add the sure-score batting guide that leads the bat to the ball for greater success! Trainer can be used in either a sitting or standing position. And as they play baseball, children reach and extend their bodies to swing and hit the ball, visually track the ball as it flies through the air, and watch where it falls so they can walk, run or ride to retrieve it!

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Big Oball

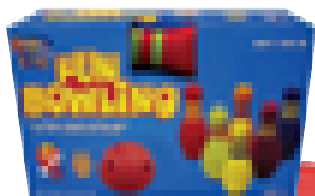
Rhino Toys

Perfect for a "hole" lot of activities!

Big enough to hold with two hands to practice midline play... thin enough to grasp easily with one hand to work on hand-transferring and grasp. Oball's interconnecting holes make it easier for players to toss and catch. Use this ball to help children progress from primitive grasping to more precise hand functions and mature grasp. And as grasp develops, so will motor planning, eye-hand coordination and sensory processing skills. Light-weight, durable 7.5" ball is great for catching, kicking, volleying and more. Or use it to play peek-a-boo to work on eye contact and interaction. *Caution: Supervision is highly recommended as a child's hand or foot can fit through the holes of the ball.*

059130





Spongebugs Kids Fun Bowling Set

Gamenamics

Bring the thrill of the lanes to your home! This bowling set offers a fun way to practice eye-hand coordination, whole body movement, visual tracking and appropriate grasp and release. Durable padded-foam construction provides all the benefits of game play—without the noise and negative reaction—making it a great choice for children who have hypersensitive startle reflex. What's more, the ball's deep, angled holes offer a comfortable grasp. Your child can experience the thrill of knocking down the pins while learning game basics and building skills!

461787



Wheelee Ball

Diggin Active

Wheelee, wheelee fun! Toss it. Throw it. Kick it. Bounce it. Even spin it. This inflatable floats like a disc and bounces like a ball! Its lightweight, beachball-like design and slower travel speed make the Wheelee easier to track and less threatening to catch for children with physical disabilities and limited strength. Players can develop and reinforce eye-hand coordination and visual tracking skills—and build self-esteem—as they improve motor skills by learning to throw and catch this unique ball. And they'll also work on improving social skills as they take turns and practice good sportsmanship! Colors vary.

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AUDITORY



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THINKING



VISUAL

“Daniel’s
big smile
and positive
outlook are an
inspiration
to our family.”

*Greg
Daniel’s dad*



The Home Depot Deluxe Workstation

Toys“R”Us

This deluxe workshop has just about everything little fix-it-uppers need! As children work on carpentry skills, they’ll also work on developing and refining eye-hand coordination, wrist rotation and problem solving skills as they twist and screw bolts, turn the vise and decide which tool is needed for what job. In addition, a large work surface, tool chest cabinet, slide in/out drawers, parts bin, bottom storage, hanging jars and peg hooks provide children with ample opportunities to increase muscle strength, coordination and control as they squat and stretch to retrieve tools and complete a job. 50-piece accessory set includes a drill, hammer, saw, screwdriver, pliers, “wood” and more!

062609





Easy Score Basketball

Little Tikes

This portable basketball system will be a slam-dunk favorite for young children of all abilities! The extra-wide rim and backboard help make scoring easier. And 6 different height adjustments (2 ½'–4') increase opportunities for success! Use at the lower height settings for players who need to remain seated or use wheelchairs. As skill level improves, raise the height to increase the challenge. This set is ideal for introducing the concepts of competitive play, turn-taking and cooperative teamwork. Eye-hand coordination and gross motor skills also score big! Use indoors or out. Base can be filled with sand for added stability. Ball included. Assembly required. Colors may vary.

267317



Endless Adventures

Easy Store Jr. Slide

Little Tikes

Climb up and slide on down! Motor planning, gross motor and coordination skills get a workout as children use alternate leg movements to climb up the wide stairs, negotiate their feet one at a time as they sit, and use trunk muscles to push forward to get moving. As they travel down the gently sloping slide, children receive proprioceptive feedback, allowing them to feel their bodies in relation to position and movement. Plus, the short ride down benefits children who lose focus easily and encourages repeated play. Comes fully assembled. Just unfold and play—indoors or out!

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AUDITORY



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Junior Bongos

First Act Discovery

Funky beats abound with these pre-tuned wooden bongos! Help reinforce cause and effect by having your child change the form of their hands and listen to the resulting changes in the sounds of the music. Or, have them use just their palms, fingertips or knuckles to create unique variations of the beat. The natural hide head and patented stay-in-tune rims ensure full, round tone. Ideal for older children who still enjoy banging on toys, these junior bongos are a great way to explore and discover rhythm! Colors and styles may vary.

090379



Band in a Box

Melissa & Doug

Whether it's a one-man band or small-group performance, this instrument set lets children play independently, or together with friends to encourage parallel play or more advanced social interaction! Reinforce bilateral coordination by promoting "two-fisted" play with the maracas, cymbals, triangle and rhythm sticks. Mix it up even more by giving each hand a different role to play. Children can also use both hands simultaneously or reciprocally, and work on crossing the center of their bodies to establish a dominant side while facilitating the development of perceptual and organizational skills.

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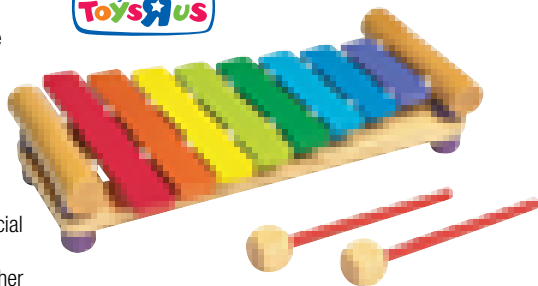


Wooden Xylophone Imaginarium

Colorful, wooden xylophone hits the right note as it provides fun-filled opportunities for creative music play! Children can learn to imitate simple patterns and identify colors as they are introduced to the musical concepts of beat, rhythm and tempo. You can also initiate social skills practice by taking turns with your child and encouraging him or her to wait patiently for a turn to make musical sounds. And as children use one or both of the wooden mallets to strike each of the 8 differently sized slats, they'll practice cause and effect, eye-hand coordination and fine motor skills while receiving pleasant auditory stimulation!

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Yo Gabba Gabba Muno's Groovin' Guitar Spin Master

From simple character appeal to cause and effect learning, Muno has the tunes to get you movin' and groovin'! "Electric" guitar plays 10 songs from the popular children's show. The guitar neck has 5 color-coded, character-themed buttons. Each button plays 2 songs that correspond to that character. This helps children to start making choices and develop musical preferences. Very light pressure is all that's needed to activate the music, helping children who have muscle weakness experience success and join in the fun. Muno's recognizable eye also doubles as a roller that lets young rockers "strum" along to the songs!

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VISUAL

"We embrace
and celebrate
Joey's differences...
You can't have a
garden if all
of the flowers
are the same."

*Laurie
Joey's mom*



Magnetic Double Easel

Crayola

Two easy-to-clean work surfaces with 4-in-1 fun! Double-sided easel with built-in paper holder is ideal for encouraging little artists to express themselves creatively. Use the letters and numbers for literacy skill development. Get large muscles moving by having your child make broad strokes on the board. Or, provide opportunity for fine motor activities by encouraging a detailed work of art or handwriting practice. The stand-up design also helps children maintain an upright position for play. The easel comes complete with 4 detachable storage bins, 1 eraser and 77 magnetic letters and numbers. Measures 22.5"W x 27"D x 43"H assembled.

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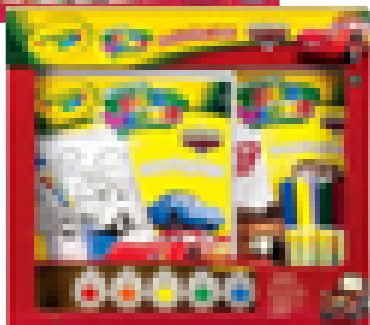


Color Wonder Value Packs

Crayola

All the coloring and painting fun—minus the mess. Because the markers and paints appear only on the specially coated paper and not on skin, walls, furniture, carpet or clothing! These visually stimulating sets help children practice color recognition, fine motor skills and tactile awareness. The no-mess format will also aid children who have involuntary movements and who might otherwise touch the paint to undesirable surfaces. Children also can learn cause and effect as they apply markers and paints to paper, as well as patience as they wait approximately 5 seconds for the magical colors to appear!

325093 Cars 619741 Dora



Color-Fillz

Crayola

Press and fill. Peel and reveal. It's fun and easy to create a mosaic masterpiece using the special Model Magic® modeling compound! Align the mosaic frame over the color guide. Match the colors of the compound to the colors on the picture. Press the compound into the frame's holes. Peel off the guide to reveal the completed picture! Children work on manual dexterity and individual finger strength as they press the compound into the holes. Color matching and following visual directions are also part of the skills picture. And the compound will not leave a residue on hands—a real plus for children with sensory processing difficulties!

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VISUAL



Masterworks Art Case

Crayola

Crayons, colored pencils, markers, oil pastels, glitter glue and more! This colorful case contains just about everything your child needs to create their very own masterpieces! Whether it's mixed media or single medium, children will feel empowered by the ability to make their own choices, creating endless possibilities for success. You can also practice school skills by having your child make their own flashcards! What's more, children who have difficulty with verbal expression may enjoy the creative outlet that art can provide. Wooden art case is filled with 200 art-tastic implements!

607589



EZ 2 DO

Silly Friends Jumbo Set

Play-Doh

No refined motor skills required. Your child's imagination is the only limit as they roll, pat or press this classic compound to concoct crazy characters! Just press a body shape. Then, add eyes, ears, a nose and mouth. Or, maybe it's all eyes or all ears! The choices are endless as this engaging activity not only keeps children entertained, but also helps to develop their manual skills.

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Glow Station

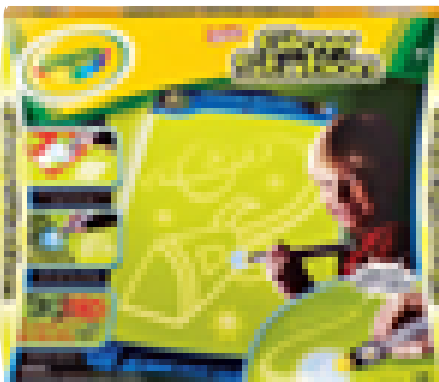
Crayola

Draw with light! Use the penlight stylus to draw on the light-sensitive surface to create “glowing” masterpieces.

This innovative art station requires a darkened room, which reduces environmental distractions to help keep artists focused on the activity at hand. Children can also “draw” real objects by shining the light on the stencils (included) to create pictures. Best of all, there’s no tracing involved because the illumination creates the picture! All artwork fades away in 5 minutes or less and the station is ready for the next burst of inspiration.

Hint: Use a hair Scrunchie to strap the stylus on the hands of children who have difficulty maintaining a grasp.

013396



Moon Sand Royal Castle

Spin Master

Get the royal treatment—without the mess! Children can create their own medieval-themed adventures by molding, rolling and manipulating the specially formulated Moon Sand compound to make a king, queen, plus a castle complete with turrets and a moat. The gritty feel of the sand-like material provides pleasant tactile sensation and offers a creative outlet for fine motor skill practice. Best of all, Moon Sand won’t dry out, stick or stain. Set includes inflatable play mat for a structured play area, 3 colors of Moon Sand and molds.

149278



AUDITORY



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THINKING



VISUAL

"Beautiful,
intelligent,
athletic,
funny,
charming...
a boy."

*Celene
Brendan's mom*



Zingo

ThinkFun

Bingo with a Zing-o! Game cards are color-coded according to skill level. Players select a card, then watch as the dealer reveals 2 tiles. If the pictures on the tiles match the ones on your card, shout loudly or whisper quietly, but say it fast! The first player to fill his or her card wins! Best of all, play can be adjusted for each child's ability level. To keep children with attention difficulties engaged and on task, play until someone gets 3 in a row. And for children who are hearing impaired, play using sign language. This fast-paced game encourages information processing, object and word recognition and appropriate game etiquette—all with a zing!

535977





I Spy Private Eye

Briarpatch

Shake up game play! Memory and recall skills are put to the test as players use the Jumbler to mix up 9 picture cubes, "spy" the images on the cubes, activate the timer and replace the lid. Then, they must choose a picture card and locate the images that match the cubes to win the card. But, watch out. If a player misses a match, their opponent may challenge and win the card! Beginner cards picture 4 generously spaced objects contrasted against a white background. The advanced cards are more visually stimulating and require players to filter out the auxiliary items to make matches. Best of all, no reading is required!

039698



Twister Hopscotch

Hasbro

Hop to it! The brightly colored Twister rings can be configured into endless patterns, providing hours of open-ended play. Follow the suggested layouts and game guidelines or create your own patterns and play rules. Either way, children give motor skills a workout as they connect the rings to form a path to walk, hop or jump along! Game accommodates 2 players at a time. You can also use the spinner's wacky motions options to keep players wiggling or dancing as they wait to take their turn. More importantly, it helps children experience success regardless of their stage of development while building skills and having fun!

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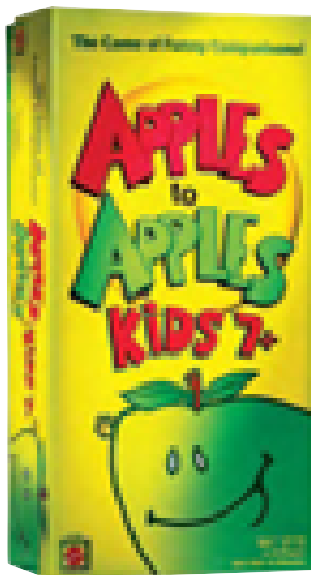


Apples to Apples Kids Edition

Mattel

A game of hilarious comparisons! This kids edition helps develop active cognitive thought processes as children determine which card they are holding best describes the card in play. Players will delight in the funny comparisons as they verbally convince the “judge” that their card best meets the comparison criteria. Through this verbalization, children can find and use their voice and practice their ability to be heard. And the more they play, the more they practice and gain confidence to speak in front of a group! Children also practice proper game etiquette as they learn to play the game. Includes 288 cards.

851162



Electronic Guess Who? Extra Hasbro

This electronic twist on the classic game will have players asking, “Guess Who I’m thinking of? ... A cat with a purple collar or a child with green hair?” The gameboard keeps track of scores and features lights and sounds—even a timer for added excitement. And with 4 ways to play and 144 mystery faces from which to choose, it’s more exciting than ever! Players ask questions and press the Yes or No buttons to answer opponents’ questions, encouraging speech and communication skills as children play detective and solve the mystery. With 6 themes, animals, monsters and more, this guessing game will have children asking to play over and over again!

975669





Don't Say It!

Pressman Toys

Try to describe a bird without saying, "feathers." Or, try to describe a pig without saying, "oink." But, you better think before you speak. Because a slip of tongue can lose the game! Children try to get team members to identify common items and animals—without naming some of their most common characteristics! Players must select a card, think about the word, identify what it is and then try to describe it to another player. The cognitive thought process involved in this game helps build a foundation for learning and cognition, while helping children to become more comfortable in using language to get their point across!

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CREATIVITY



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VISUAL



Jenga

Parker Brothers

Test your skills with this classic stacking game! Practice turn-taking as each player gently pulls out a block from the tower and places it on top. Build the tower as high as you can. But, be careful. One wrong move and you'll topple the teetering tower! Controlled fine motor movement, concentration, eye-hand coordination and strategy are the keys to success. Includes 54 genuine hardwood blocks.

033480



"Noah's love
of music and the
way it inspires him,
is an inspiration
for those of us
who take hearing
for granted."

*Mark
Noah's dad*



KidiZoom Camera

Vtech

Capture imaginations! Beginning shutter bugs can use this durable digital camera to take real pictures and movies, and then connect it to a PC or TV for enhanced viewing. A dual viewfinder and LCD screen allow children to use both eyes to focus and prepare. And once the photos are shot, children can use fun editing features to stamp on embellishments or add animation. Help provide a sense of empowerment and control to children who have difficulty verbalizing by having them take photos to create their own communication boards! Connector cable included.

915782 Blue **542639** Pink





Bugville Live Butterfly Treehouse

Spin Master

Help them grow. Then, let them go! Children will watch in wonder as they observe their caterpillars form chrysalids and emerge as beautiful Painted Lady butterflies—all within the confines of this mesh treehouse. Sending away and receiving the butterfly larvae in the mail can be a very positive experience for children. They can also gain a sense of empowerment as they assume responsibility for the care of their butterflies. Take the learning a step further by talking about the process of metamorphosis and drawing pictures of each stage. A wonderful experience for the entire family!

442440



Rainbow in My Room

EduScience

Now children can see rainbows right in their own rooms! With just a wave of your child's hand, the rainbow projector beams a beautiful natural phenomenon across walls and ceiling using multicolored LEDs. Use as a bedtime transition tool, a nightlight or as an educational activity. Includes an audio CD that discusses the science and mythology surrounding rainbows, plus a window prism disk that can be hung on a window to create real daytime rainbows using natural sunlight from outdoors.

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Nerf Cosmic Catch

Hasbro

The talking ball that knows your throws! Players wear a colored band on their hand that attaches easily with an elastic strap. When the ball calls out the color, the player with the ball must audiotrily identify the color, visually recognize the corresponding colored band, and toss it to that person. The ball "recognizes" the correct player when the band touches the ball. Four different quick-passing games help to encourage focus, attention, memory, concentration, sequential thought processes, visual tracking, color recognition and eye-hand coordination, as well as gross motor skill practice. Colors and styles may vary.

397072



Pop Up Junior Goal

Franklin Sports

And the skills team scores! Use your hands or use your feet. Use play balls, footballs, soccer balls or baseballs to help develop motor planning, gross motor and visual tracking skills, as well as improve visual acuity and eye-hand/eye-foot coordination. Lightweight, portable goal pops open, sets up and breaks down in seconds for play—outdoors or in. Position the net according to each child's ability to increase chances for success. You can also create accessible and/or inclusionary activities for children who need to remain seated or who use wheelchairs so that everyone gets in on the fun! 4'3"W x 3'2"H.

053622





Jarts Lawn Game

Fundex

Classic lawn game helps provide developmental skills practice that's right on target! Players take turns tossing the safe-tipped Jarts into the target ring. Children must use a whole-hand grasp, aim at the target and release to throw. Then, they practice visual tracking skills as they follow the Jart's flight through the air to its final landing destination. And as they play, children will also get a chance to refine their skills to anticipate the Jart's bounce and adjust their throws to get it into their targets. Best of all, this aerodynamic game offers a fun time for the entire family—one toss at a time!

140347



Airtech Micro Football

Franklin Sports

It's a touchdown for the skills team! Throwing and catching a football with a friend is a fun way to encourage social play, eye-hand coordination and whole body movement. The weather-resistant surface helps players grasp and catch the ball. And as they throw the ball, kids positively affect their upper body strength, trunk rotation and arm extension. Children must also use two hands together at midline to catch the ball, rely on their visual acuity to throw to a playmate, use appropriate timed release to throw the ball, and visually track the ball's flight through the air.

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"Sparsh has
bones that break
very easily,
but his spirit
and enthusiasm
are unbreakable..."

*Hiren
Sparsh's dad*



Barbie Karaoke Machine

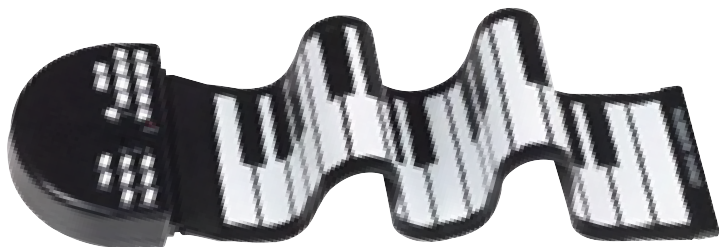
KidDesigns

Your child takes center stage as she uses the mic to perform for friends and family! This machine can also be used to encourage all levels of vocalizations (beginning sounds, rhythm, two- to three-word utterances and sentences), and to practice voice modulation and articulation.

In addition to the karaoke fun, you can record articulated words for your child to play back and repeat. Features large, colorful buttons for easier operation and an eye-catching "pink-tacular" design with the distinctive Barbie logo. Includes 4 cassette tapes featuring songs recorded by various artists, party hits and 1 blank tape.

239122





Rock 'n Rollin' Piano

Sakar

Strike up the band! Because this 37-key rollable rubber keyboard also plays 7 other instruments, including violin, guitar and trumpet. The keys require only a very light touch to activate, offering children who have muscle weakness the opportunity to make music. Choose from 8 rhythm selectors to keep the background beat as your child plays the lead to help heighten self-esteem as he or she creates music that has a "real" sound. In addition, children can play individual notes using isolated fingers or move their hand along the entire length of the keyboard to hear a full run. And for those who prefer just to listen, the demo button plays an entire song without requiring continuous movement. This portable piano is perfect for pianists to explore their creativity while discovering musical preferences!

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Learn & Play Harmonica

First Act

Learn to play the First Act way! Using the professional-style chrome harmonica, the First Act Learn & Play step-by-step method can have your child playing chords and melodies to more than 15 songs in no time. The 44-page instruction book teaches notes, chords and rhythm, while the play-along audio CD contains 34 exercises and songs. Best of all, learning to play music offers opportunities to express creativity and build self-esteem!

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iDog Soft Speaker

Hasbro

Snuggly, squeezable, music lovin' pooch gets down to your music! Plug him into your digital music player (not included) and he plays your music through his built-in speaker or your headphones (not included). Expressive movements and flashing lights signify his mood. Children can monitor these moods and take care of their i-Dog (if he's sad, press his nose to make him happy), helping to build and bolster self-esteem. Plus, its various textures, sounds and lights make it a good choice for children who need sensory stimulation. The pup-sized i-Dog runs on batteries, making him the perfect musical bedtime cuddle buddy! 10"H x 8"W.

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61-Key Magic Light Keyboard

Casio

Start playing right out of the box! Pick one of the 100 tunes from the song bank and follow the lighted keys to play. Children can use the full-sized light-up keys as visual cues to play songs without books to read—or colors and numbers to match! Press one button to hear an entire song. Or, use the 3-step lesson plan to learn notes, tempo and fingering. The keyboard keeps pace with the player, slowing or raising the tempo of the song as needed. Change it up and make the keyboard sound like a banjo, saxophone, cello and more when playing songs with a calypso, reggae or big-big band beat!

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Disney Netpal Netbook

Asus

- Kid-safe and parent-controlled features
- 8.9" LCD display
- 16GB Flash SSD memory
- Spill-proof keyboard
- Built-in WiFi

This compact netbook is just right for home, school or learning on the go! For children whose fine motor skills do not keep up with their idea flow, it offers a powerful tool that can help reduce frustration, build self-esteem and make homework less of a chore. When used in a classroom situation, it can be especially helpful for children who have difficulty copying notes from a board, creating outlines for papers or taking spelling tests. Parental controls put you in charge of what internet sites are acceptable and restrict game usage during specific periods such as school hours. Comes preloaded with Microsoft Works, Outlook Express, games and more!

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Wii Console System with Wii Sports

Nintendo

Wow, Wii! Featuring an exciting wireless controller experience, Wii invites players into game worlds and activities like never before. Children can build finger placement and finger isolation abilities as they use the buttons on the remote to control the action. Children can also practice swinging their arms to improve range of motion and eye-hand coordination. The active play can also help improve trunk stability, balance and shoulder strength and can provide children with sensory processing difficulties the proprioceptive and vestibular input they need to stay focused. More importantly, Wii allows children of varying abilities to play together!

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